

SENATE BILL

No. 6

Introduced by Senator Peace

January 18, 2002

An act to amend Section 12693.755 of the Insurance Code, and to amend Section 50.5 of Chapter 171 of the Statutes of 2001, relating to public health, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 6, as introduced, Peace. Health: budget implementation.

Existing law establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority that, among other things, is required to adopt regulations governing emergency medical services, including local emergency medical services (EMS) agencies and trauma care centers.

Existing law authorizes local EMS agencies that do not have a trauma care system plan to submit proposals to the authority for funding for their preparation of a plan by January 15, 2002. Existing law requires the authority, upon receiving all of the proposals, to establish an appropriate funding level for one-time payments to fund preparation and implementation of initial trauma care system plans.

This bill would delete the January 15, 2002, deadline to submit a proposal and, instead, would authorize the submission of a proposal only upon the request of the authority. The bill would make the requirement that the authority establish an appropriate funding level subject to the availability of funds.

Existing law establishes the Healthy Families Program, administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, to arrange for the provision of health, dental, and vision services to eligible children

pursuant to a federal program, entitled the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Existing law requires the board, subject to federal waivers and funding by the Legislature, to implement a program 4 months after an initial federal approval is obtained pursuant to a federal waiver, that provides coverage under the Healthy Families Program to include benefits for eligible adults responsible for children enrolled under the program.

This bill would change the deadline for implementation of the program under these provisions to July 1, 2003, or 4 months after the initial federal approval is obtained, whichever is later.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12693.755 of the Insurance Code is
2 amended to read:

3 12693.755. (a) Subject to subdivision (b), commencing *on*
4 *July 1, 2003, or* four months after the initial federal approval is
5 obtained pursuant to the waiver described in subdivision (b),
6 *whichever is later*, the board shall expand eligibility under this part
7 to uninsured parents of, and as defined by the board, adults
8 responsible for, children enrolled to receive coverage under this
9 part or who are enrolled to receive the full scope of Medi-Cal
10 services with no share of cost and whose income does not exceed
11 250 percent of the federal poverty level, before applying the
12 income disregard provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph
13 (6) of subdivision (a) of Section 12693.70.

14 (b) (1) The board shall implement a program to provide
15 coverage under this part to any uninsured parent or responsible
16 adult who is eligible pursuant to subdivision (a), pursuant to the
17 waiver identified in paragraph (2).

18 (2) The program shall be implemented only in accordance with
19 a State Child Health Insurance Program waiver pursuant to
20 Section 1397gg(e)(2)(A) of Title 42 of the United States Code, to
21 provide coverage to uninsured parents and responsible adults, and
22 shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and duration of the

waiver. The services shall be provided under the program only if the waiver is approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and, except as provided under the terms and conditions of the waiver, only to the extent that federal financial participation is available and funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose.

SEC. 2. Section 50.5 of Chapter 171 of the Statutes of 2001 is amended to read:

Sec. 50.5. (a) Local emergency medical services agencies that do not have existing trauma care system plans may, *upon request by the Emergency Medical Services Authority*, submit proposals for funding for their preparation of a trauma care system plan to the ~~Emergency Medical Services Authority by January 15, 2002~~ authority. Upon receipt of all of the local EMS agency proposals, the authority shall establish, *pending the availability of funds*, an appropriate funding level for a one-time payment to fund preparation and implementation of their initial trauma care system plans, contingent upon funding for this purpose in the Budget Act or another statute.

(b) The authority may retain from any state appropriation for the purpose of this section an amount sufficient to implement this section, up to one hundred seven thousand dollars (\$107,000), subject to approval in the budget process.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to make statutory changes necessary to reduce state expenditures in health programs for the 2001–02 fiscal year in response to budget shortfalls, it is necessary that this act go into immediate effect.

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